

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: William B. Early House Inventory Number: PG:85A-10
Address: 13904 Cherry Tree Crossing City: Brandywine Zip Code: 20613-7779
County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: Brandywine Quadrangle
Owner: John & Barbara Kidwell Is the property being evaluated a district? No
Tax Parcel Number: 207 Tax Map Number: 145 Tax Account ID Number: 11-1160878
Project: Brandywine Communication Receiver Site,
Tower Construction Agency: United States Air Force
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes no

Criteria: X A X B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The William Berry Early House, constructed ca. 1896 with alterations ca. 1910, is a 2 1/2 story frame house fronting east on the Popes Creek line of the Conrail RR in the Village of Brandywine. Three bays in width, with symmetrical projecting 2 story hipped roof bays flanking the central bay, a full polygonal tower on one elevation, an asymmetrical form overall, drop (German) siding, and decorative gable-end shingles, cornice returns, and spindle and sawn-work porches, it is an excellent example of a late nineteenth century domestic building with early twentieth century Queen Anne influenced alterations.

William B. Early was the grandson of William H. Early, a farmer and merchant who was the foremost early citizen of Brandywine, and essentially created the village through land development and business activity in relationship to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. The Early family became the major presence in the village, building several homes and businesses and creating an historic physical nucleus for Brandywine west of the railroad that exists in part today. The William B. Early House is an excellent example of the Early family's prominence and influence in the village. William B. Early built the house ca. 1896 after buying the land from his father, Charles Early, and remodeled it into its current form ca. 1910, apparently influenced by his cousin William W. Early's construction of a fairly high-style Queen Anne style house nearby (PG 85A-9, National Register listed)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
Comments: _____

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
Kimberly
Reviewer, NR Program

8/3/05 Date
8/2/05 Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

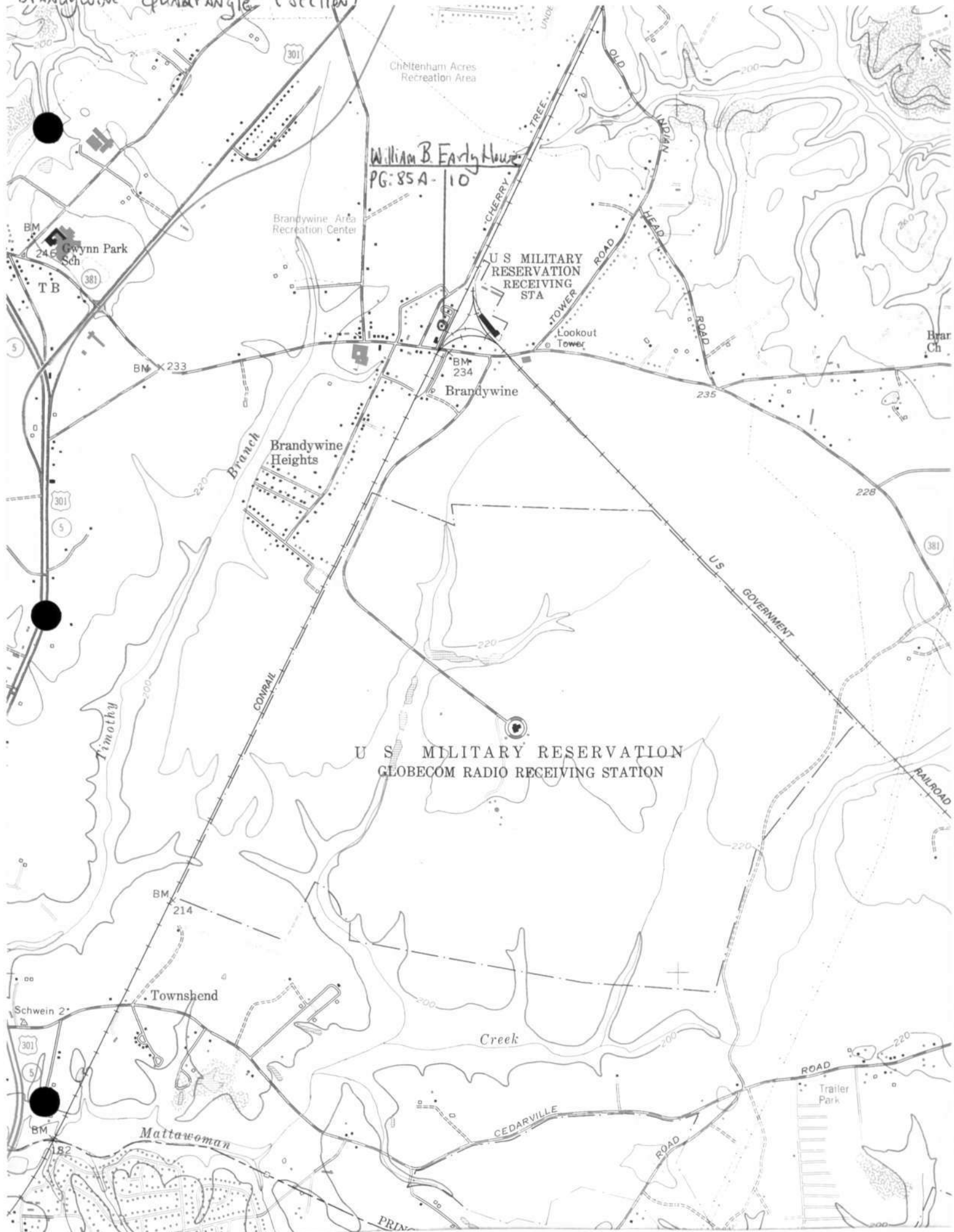
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The William B. Early House's integrity is good overall; in fact vinyl siding shown in ca. 1984 photos appears to have been removed and original drop siding and decorative shingling exposed. Its original 2/2 windows were replaced sometime after 1984 with unknown materials. Chimneys seen in ca. 1984 photos have also been removed. Despite these changes and with the seeming re-exposure of original materials the house largely retains its overall form, materials, and association with the Early family's development of Brandywine and late nineteenth/early twentieth century domestic architecture. It is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A (broad patterns of history in the Village, County, and the State), B (Association with members of the locally prominent Early family), and C (Embodies distinctive characteristics of the period in which it was built).

Prepared by: Julian W. Adams, GMI

Date Prepared: 5/20/2005

Brandywine Quadrangle (Section)



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #85A-10 Building Date: ca. 1910

Building Name: William B. Early House

Location: 13904 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The William B. Early House is a two-and-one-half-story frame Victorian house which fronts on the Popes Creek line of the conrail railroad in the village of Brandywine. Its principal facade is to the east, but it is accessible from the rear, by an unpaved lane from Cherry Tree Crossing Road. The house is made up of a gable-roofed main block with tower and projecting bays, and two gable-roofed wings extending west. The main east facade is three bays wide, with entrance in the central bay through a door with three-pane transom and three-pane sidelights. The first and third bays are filled with two-story semi-hexagonal projecting bays. Above the central door at third level is a small decorative cross-gable, highlighted by a four-section lunette window. Across the main east facade is a highly decorative one-story porch, with turned posts, ornamental jigsaw brackets, a railing of turned balusters, and an upper eave-course of turned spindles. The porch turns and extends west across the three-bay south facade to a two-story semi-hexagonal projecting tower which constitutes the first bay. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash with plain board surrounds and no shutters. The west facade is composed of the side-by-side gable ends of the two gable-roofed wings; there is a one-story rear porch with plain posts, jigsaw brackets and an eave course of spindles. The entire house is sheathed with light green vinyl siding. Foundations are brick, parged in some places with concrete; the roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle.

Significance:

The William Berry Early house is a handsome example of late Victorian domestic architecture with Queen Anne decorative elements. It is one of a group of dwellings constructed in the first decade of this century in the railroad-junction of Brandywine. William Berry Early was a grandson of William H. Early, a farmer and merchant who, by the time of his death in 1890, owned 3,000 acres including most of the land which had been platted into lots in the village of Brandywine. His real estate was divided after his death among his heirs, with approximately equivalent thirds going to his three children. To his son Charles went a 4.4 acre block of land which lay along the west side of the railroad tracks, and which was platted into 29 lots. In 1896 Charles Early sold to his son, William Berry Early, four adjoining lots on which he built a home. Around 1910, influenced by the construction of his cousin's elegant Victorian house on the property to the west, William Berry Early rebuilt his small home in the same, though less exuberant, style. William Berry Early died in 1919; today his house stands as a prominent element in a complex of late Victorian dwellings, and is a handsome example of its type.

Acreage: 1.1478 acres

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Berry Early House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13904 Cherry Tree Crossing Road not for publicationcity, town Brandywine vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Barbara McCorkel

street & number 13904 Cherry Tree Crossing Road telephone no.:

city, town Brandywine state and zip code Md. 20613

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4430

street & number Main Street folio 595

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state ☒ county local

depository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. PG 85A-10

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William B. Early House is a two-and-one-half-story frame Victorian house which fronts on the Popes Creek line of the railroad as it runs through the village of Brandywine. Although its principal facade is oriented eastward toward the railroad, it is accessible from the rear, by an unpaved lane running east from Cherry Tree Crossing Road, and is located on a large wooded yard. The house is made up of a gable-roofed main block with tower and projecting bays, and two gable-roofed wings extending west.

The main east facade is three bays wide, with entrance in the central bay through a door with three-pane transom and three-pane sidelights. The first and third bays are filled with semi-hexagonal three-window projecting bays. Each is two stories high and surmounted by a pyramidal roof. Above the central door at third level is a small decorative cross-gable, highlighted by a four-section lunette window. There are similar lunettes in the north and south gable ends of the house, within the boxed returned cornices. Two corbelled brick chimneys (painted white) rise from the ridge, one on each side of the small central cross gable. Across the main east facade is a highly decorative one-story porch, with turned posts, ornamental jigsaw brackets, a railing of turned balusters, and an upper eave-course of turned spindles. The porch turns and extends west across the three-bay south facade to a three-window, semi-hexagonal projecting tower which constitutes the first bay. This tower is two stories high and has a steeply sloped pyramidal roof. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash with plain board surrounds and no shutters. Windows in the projecting bays and tower are slightly narrower, 1/1 double hung sash.

The rear west facade is composed of the side-by-side gable ends of the two gable-roofed wings. The northmost is two bays wide, with rear entrance in the first bay. There is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the ridge at this west gable end. The two bays of this northmost ell (as well as the one-bay hyphen which connects it to the southerly ell) are sheltered by a one-story porch. This rear porch has plain posts and no railing, but it has jigsaw brackets and an eave course of spindles like those of the main porch.

There is an exterior stove chimney at the west gable end of the one-bay southerly ell.

Attached to the north gable end of the main block, but offset westward to overlap the north ell, is a one-bay addition. It is two stories high and has a hip roof.

The entire house is sheathed with light green vinyl siding. Foundations are brick, parged in some places with concrete; the roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle.

8. Significance

Survey No. PG-85A-10

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates	ca. 1910	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
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Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The William Berry Early house is a handsome example of late Victorian domestic architecture with Queen Anne decorative elements. It is one of a group of dwellings constructed in the first decade of this century in the railroad-junction village of Brandywine. Although it is subdued in comparison to its exuberant cousin, the William W. Early house (cf. P.G. #85A-9), it is a good example of its type.

William Berry Early was a grandson of William H. Early, a farmer and merchant who had established himself in the Brandywine area before the Civil War, and who profited by the construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad in 1871. By the time of his death in 1890, William H. Early owned 3,000 acres including most of the land which had been platted into the lots of the village of Brandywine.¹ His real estate was divided after his death among his heirs, with approximately equivalent thirds going to his son Charles, his daughter Margaret, and the children of his deceased son James. To his son Charles went a 4.4 acre block of land (Block F) which lay along the west side of the railroad tracks, and which was platted into 29 lots.² In 1896 Charles Early sold to his son, William Berry Early, four adjoining lots (#9, 10, 21 and 22) of Block F, and here in that same year William Berry Early built a modest home.³ He married in 1899 and, like many other members of his family, worked for the railroad. Around 1910, influenced by the construction of his cousin's elegant Victorian house on the property directly to the west, (cf. P.G. #85A-9), William Berry Early rebuilt and enlarged his small home in the same, though less exuberant, style. At the same time, his sister and brother built similar but somewhat more modest homes on the more northerly lots of Block F which they have received from their father.⁴ This section of Brandywine west of the railroad tracks thus became a closely related complex of late Victorian residences of Early family members.

William Berry Early died in 1919, and his widow remained there, known to the community as the local music teacher, for nearly forty years. Today, the William Berry house stands as a prominent element in a complex of late Victorian dwellings, and is a handsome example of its type.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. 85A-10

Cf. Chain of Title

Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.1478 Ac. TM 145 P. 207Quadrangle name Brandywine Section D

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date July 1985street & number c/o Co. Planning MNCPPC telephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Notes

1 Prince George's County Census; tax assessments for Brandywine Election District; G. M. Hopkins Atlas of ...Prince George's County, 1878; Prince George's County Equity #1904.

2 Prince George's County Equity #1904.

3 Prince George's County Deed JWB #37:654; Prince George's County Tax Assessments.

4 Prince George's County Census; conversation with Early family member, July 1985.

Chain of Title

William Berry Early House
P.G. #85A-10

#4430:595 29 Oct 1974 Deed	William McCorkel to Barbara McCorkel, 1.15 acres in Brandywine which grantor acquired by #2742:85.
#2742:85 10 Sept 1962 Deed	George C. Layne to William and Barbara McCorkel; Lots 9-12 and 21-24 in Block F of Brandywine City as per plat in Equity #1904, which Layne acquired by #2617:32.
#2617:32 4 Nov 1961 Deed	Joseph A. Duley to George C. Layne, Lots 6-12 and 21-24 in Block F of Brandywine City, which Duley acquired by #2203:129.
#2203:129 14 Apr 1958 Deed	Angela D. Early and Josephine Early Montgomery to Joseph A. Duley; Lots 6-12 and 21-24 in Block F of Brandywine City, which grantors acquired by #1974:441.
#1974:441 5 Apr 1956 Deed	Susanna Hall to Angela D. Early and Josephine Early Montgomery; Lots 6-12 and 21-24 in Block F of Brandywine City, as described in deed of even date.
#1974:438 5 Apr 1956 Deed	Angela D. Early to Susanna Hall; Lots 6-12 and 21-24 in Block F of Brandywine City which grantor acquired by will of her husband, William B. Early.
GPH #1:600 21 Jan 1919 Will	Testator, William Berry Early; all estate to his wife Angela D. Early, and after her death to their daughter, Josephine Moon Early. Executrix: Angela D. Early.
#101:149 18 Aug 1914 Deed	Georgia Early, widow of Charles S. Early, et al., to William Berry Early; Lots 6-8, 11-12, and 23-24, Block F, Brandywine City, as per Latimer plat 1893.
JWB #37:654 11 Nov 1896 Deed	Charles S. and Georgia Early to William Berry Early; Lots 9-10 and 21-22 in Block 11 as per plat by Robert Bowie; part of real estate of William H. Early which was allotted to Charles S. Early by Equity #1904 (Block 11 in Robert Bowie plat equals Block F in Thomas H. Latimer plat).

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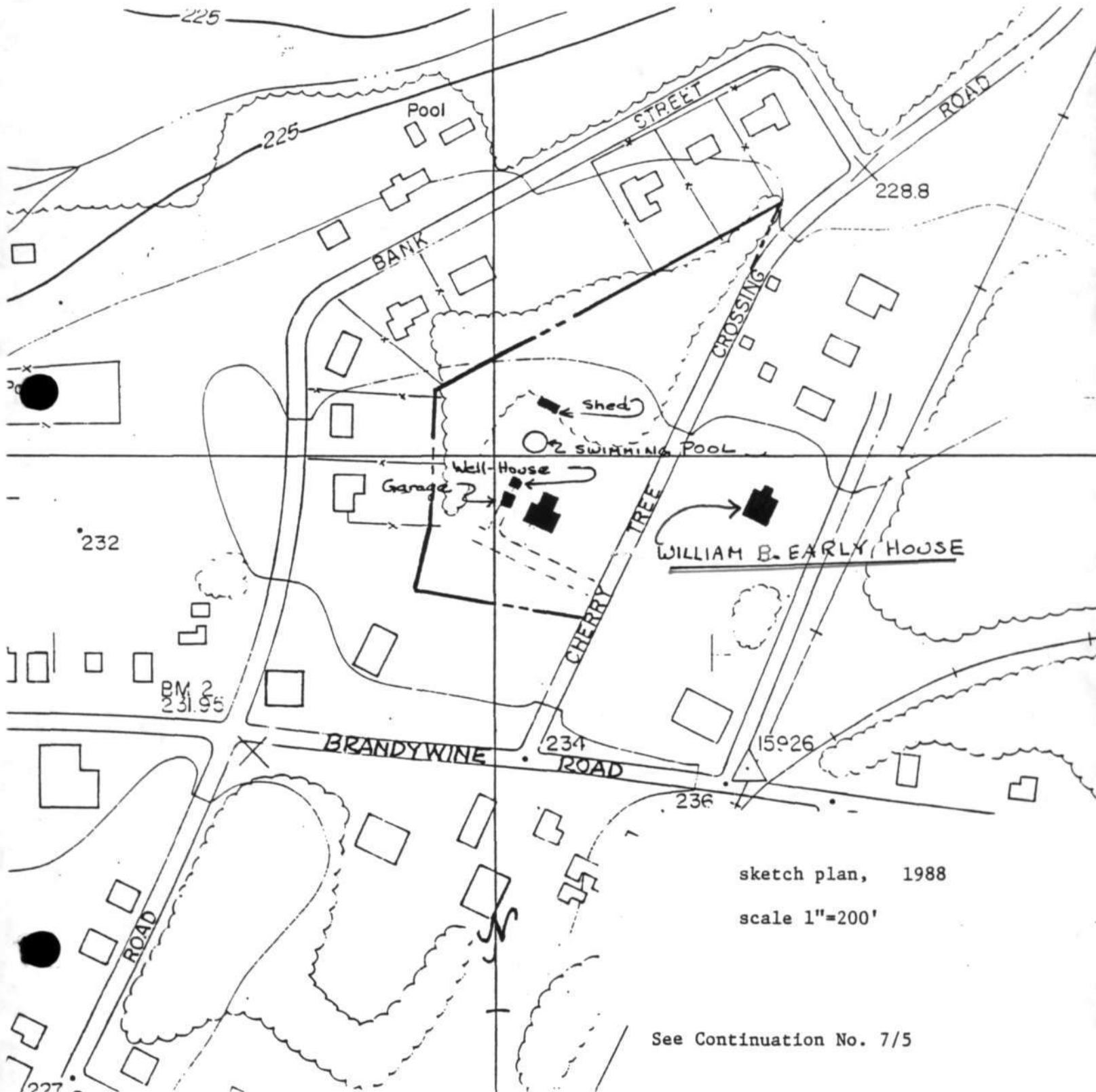
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Equity

Charles S. and Georgia Early vs. Sarah A. M. Early, for purpose of dividing real estate of William H. Early, who died 1890, owned real estate comprising village of Brandywine; Commission appointed to divide real estate among his heirs;

- (a) one part to son, Charles S. Early (including Block F)
- (b) one part to daughter, Margaret Early Bowie
- (c) one part to be divided among four children of deceased son James A. Early.

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William B. Early House
13904 Cherry Tree Crossing Road
Brandywine, Maryland

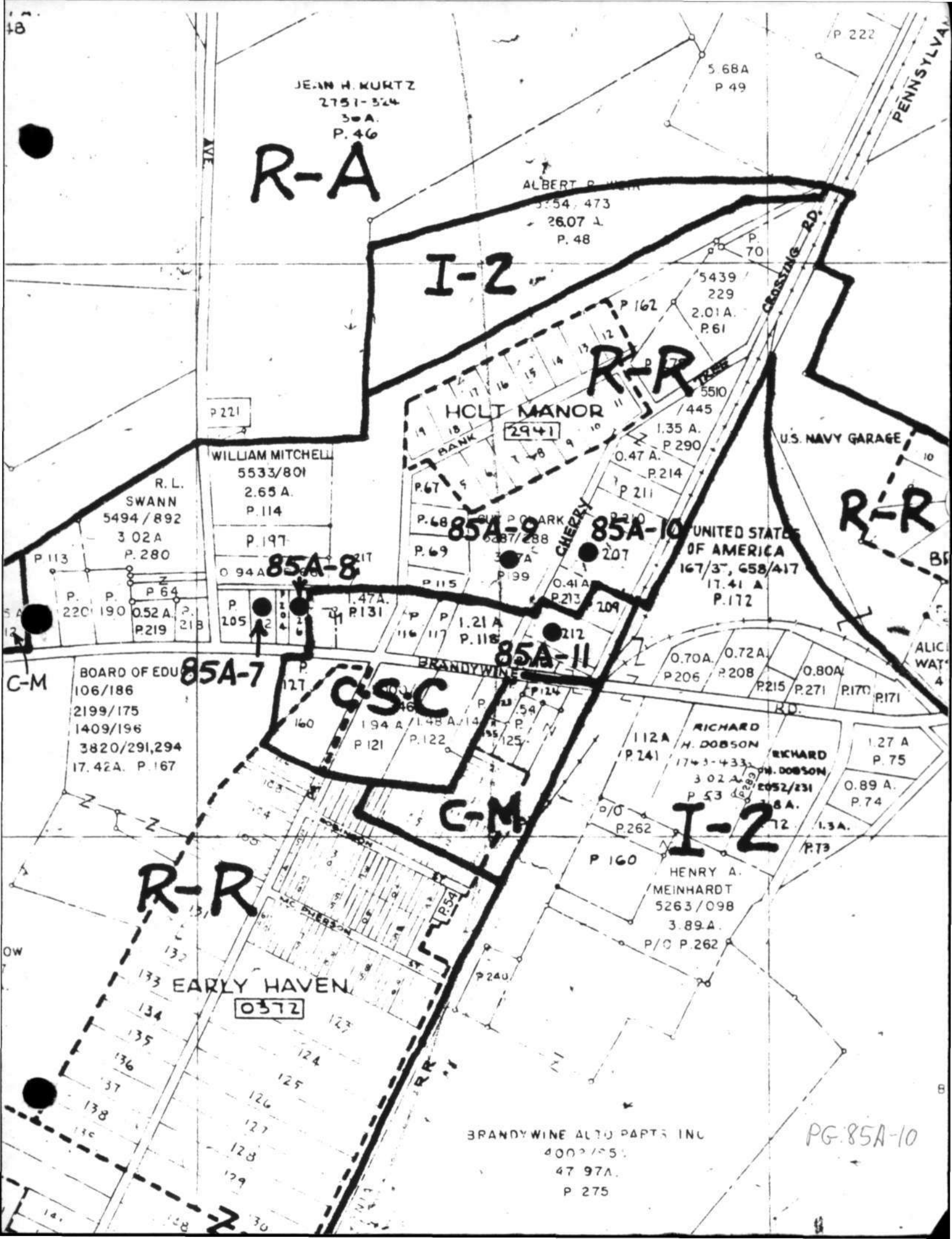
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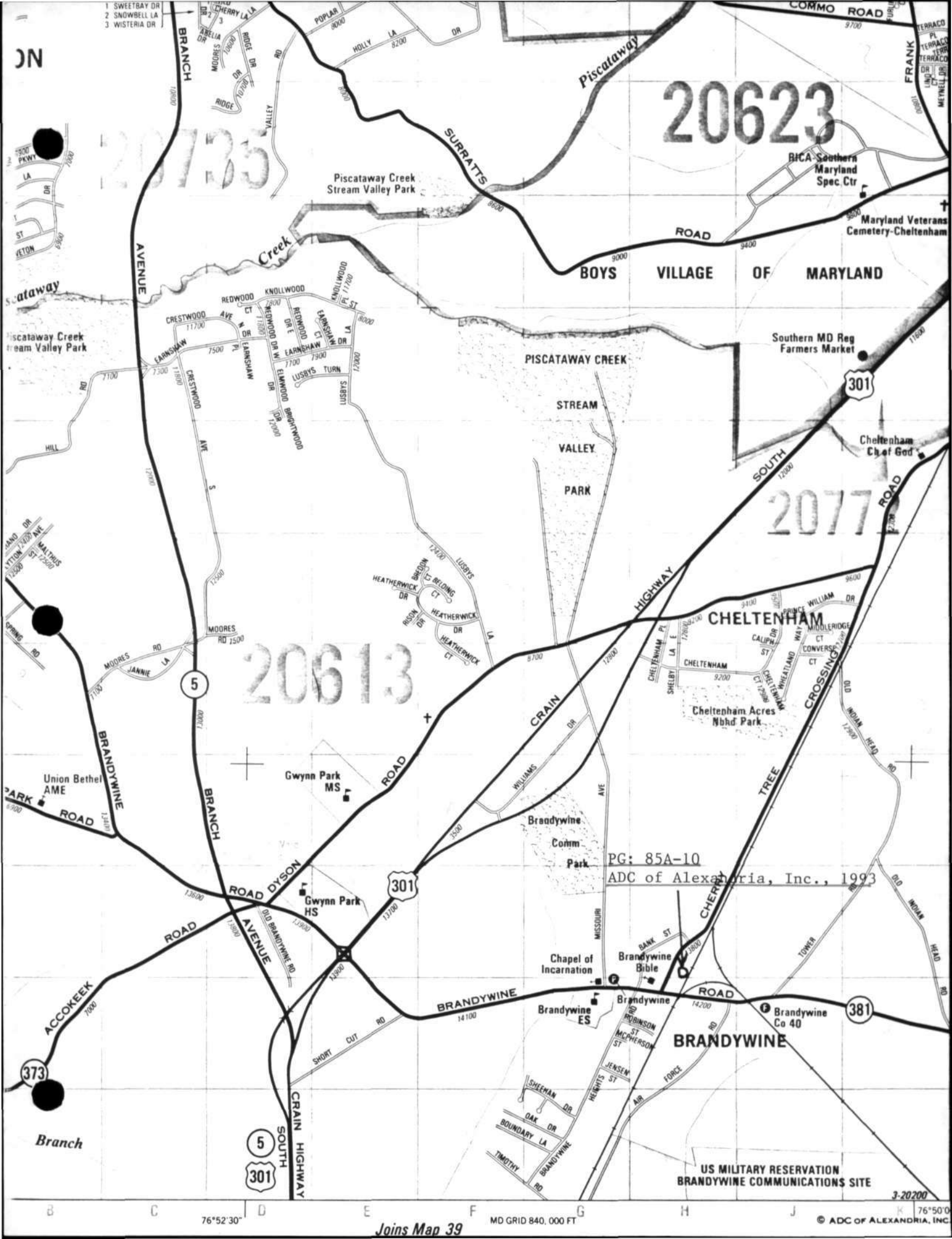


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BRANDYWINE COMMUNICATIONS SITE

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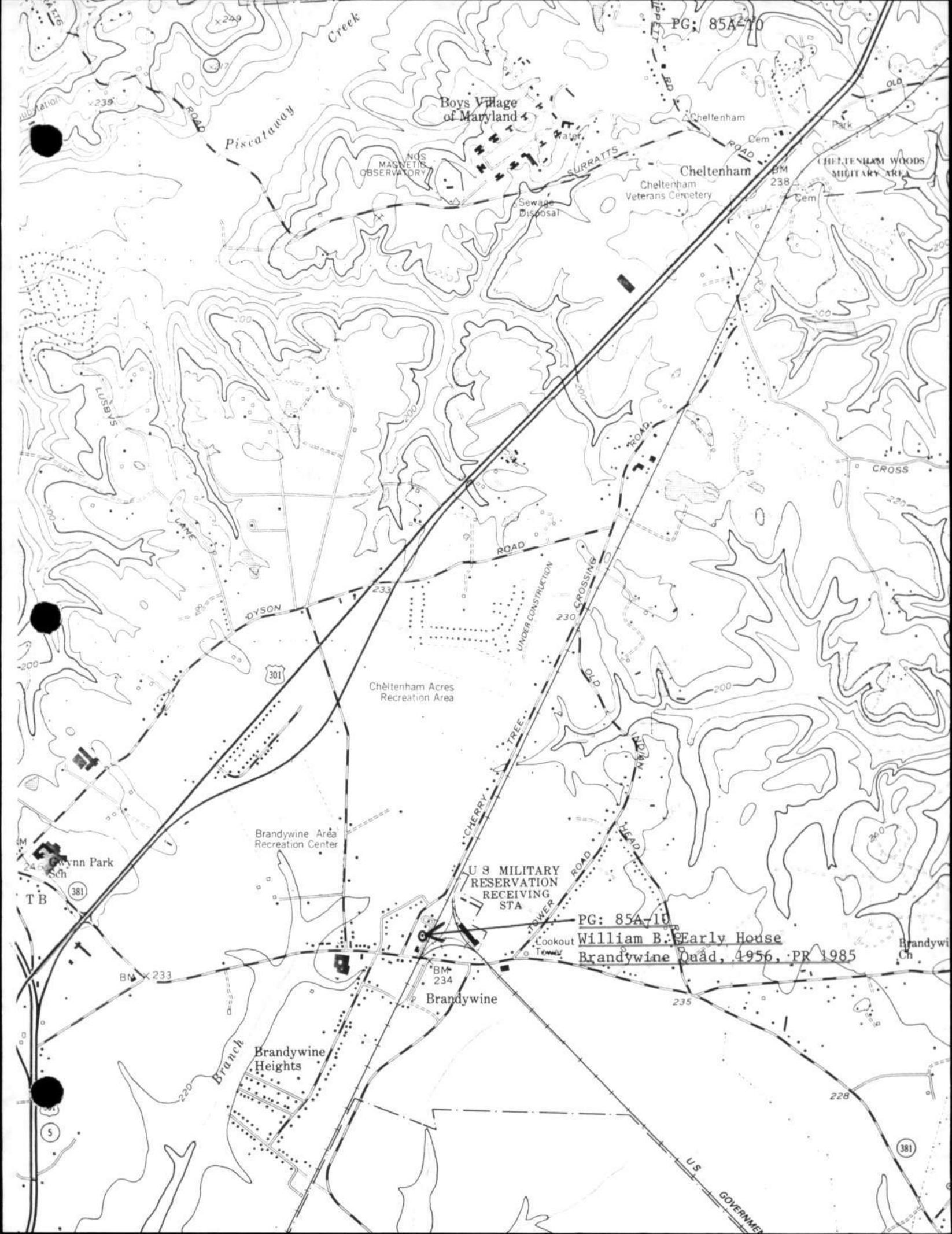
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of Maryland

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Brandywine Area
Recreation Center

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William B. Early House

Brandywine Quad, 1956, PR 1985

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William B. Early House

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13904 Cherry Tree Crossing

Brandywine, Prince Georges Co. MD

Photographer: Tim Sporn, GHI

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Neg Location: MDSHPO

MAIN elevation, (SE)

#1 of 3



William B Early House

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13904 Cherry Tree Crossing

Brandywine, Prince Georges Co., MD

Photographer: Tim Sars, GMI

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Neg Location: MD SHPO

NE elevation

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William B. Early House

13904 Cherry Tree Crossing

Brandywine, Prince Georges Co, MD

Photographer; Tim Sava, EMI
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Neg Location: MD SHPO

NW elevation

#3 of 3



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William Berry Early House
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #85A-10

William Berry Early House
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

South elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #85A-10

William Berry Early House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
West elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #85A-10

William Berry Early House
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Northeast 3/4 elevation

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